

HOUSE BILL 3013

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44 and Title 57, relative to certain Tennessee products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding Section 2 as a new, appropriately designated section:

SECTION 2.

(a) It is a violation of a person's license or permit to advertise or label wine as "Tennessee wine" unless at least fifty percent (50%) of the products used to manufacture the wine are grown and harvested from a vineyard, fruit orchard or fruit garden, or any combination thereof, in Tennessee.

(b) It is a violation of a person's license or permit to advertise or label whiskey as "Tennessee sour mash whiskey" unless at least fifty percent (50%) of the corn used to manufacture the whiskey is grown in Tennessee and, in addition, the whiskey is filtered through a thick layer of charcoal before it is put into charred new oak barrels for aging.

(c) The commission is authorized to suspend or revoke the license of a licensee if the commission determines, after holding a hearing, that such licensee is in violation of subsection (a) or (b).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all products to which Section 2 applies which are advertised or to which labels are affixed after the effective date of this act.